

First Look

Daylight saving

Spring forward with European Daylight-Saving Time Sunday at 1 a.m. Clocks should be moved one hour forward for the change.

Teed off

The Tri-Service Top 3 association is sponsoring a golf tournament at 11 a.m. April 2 at the Terceira Golf Course. The entry fee is \$15 per person and \$5 "cheater package." Entries are due Thursday. For more, call Master Sgt. Tony Bickerdike at 2-6535 or Master Sgt. Pat McGowan at 2-1468.

Bike registration

The 65th Security Forces bicycle registration is 11 a.m.-1p.m., Saturday, at the Security Forces vehicle at the round-about adjacent to Bldg. T-1541 in the Beira Mar base housing complex. For more, call Staff Sgt. Daniel Magas at 2-3512.

Financial services

The 65th Comptroller Flight financial services office migrated to a new travel system Thursday. As a requirement, electronic funds transfer travel payments will default to the member's payroll account, where active duty pay is sent. Air Force members who want travel pay sent to a different account should visit the finance customer service staff to request a change. U.S. civilian personnel should provide an EFT account along with travel settlements. Portuguese local national employees will be paid via U.S. Treasury check, which the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver will mail to the 65th CPTF. LN employees will be notified to pick up their check at the finance disbursing office when it arrives.

Preflight

■ **Days since last DUI** 54
 ■ **DUIs since Jan. 1** one
 ■ **Current AEF** Silver (5&6)
 ■ **Current FPCON** Alpha
 ■ **Next Strong Patriot** April 5
 ■ **Combat Nighthawk:** Capt. **Michael Miley**, 65th Communications Squadron; 2nd Lt. **Bernardo Snowden**, 65th Comptroller Flight; Master Sgt. **Michael Cordeiro**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Master Sgt. **Mark Hoerner**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

Special Report

Sexual Assault Response Assessment team visits Lajes, offers messages to residents. *Page 4-5*

Volunteer excellence



Molly Ashby receives the USAF Chief of Staff Volunteer Excellence Award from Col. Kurt Klingenberg, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, at Thursday's Annual Volunteer Awards and Recognition ceremony. Also receiving CSAF awards were Kristy Byrne, Cherie Patti and August Melendez. Volunteers of the Year were, by category, spouse: Kristy Byrne; civilian: Ricky Baptista; Portuguese employee: Roselle Pires Toste; active duty: Tech. Sgt. Silvia DeJesus; youth: Christina Patti. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Lajes Eubanks on it

Command teams look over Lajes Services facilities

Crossroads Staff

Two teams wrap up evaluation of Lajes services for command-level awards today.

Jerry Cardinal, USAF Services deputy director, leads the team of evaluators rating the 65th Services Squadron for the 2004 USAF Command Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award. Lajes competes against Aviano, Air Base, Italy for the best Services operation in the small-base category.

Sam Adams, USAF Services lodging director leads a team evaluating the squadron's Mid-Atlantic Lodge for the USAF Innkeeper Award. Lodging competes in the large- operation category for this award, because although Lajes is a small wing, the lodge has 347 rooms which is 61 more than the cutoff of 286.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Lajes," said Maj. Steven Rickert, 65th SVS commander. "We've had a lot of one-of-a-kind situations that are avenues for excellence."

Major Rickert said the Eubanks team visits every services facility on base.

"We have many great community programs and

What's examined

Eubanks:

- All services facilities
- customer service
- management
- equipment
- programs

Inn Keeper:

- Mid Atlantic Lodge
- customer service
- management
- equipment
- programs

the squadron works to anticipate needs and surpass the expectations of our customers," Major Rickert said. "But our strong suit is our ability to work as a cohesive yet very diverse team."

Competing bases are evaluated on customer focus, programs, management, facilities and equipment. In addition to the on-site scores, results from the annual Air Force Services Agency Customer Service Feedback survey will also be used to determine which services squadron is the best. Major

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Flying SMART means vigilance, safety

Courtesy of the 65th Air Base Wing
Safety Office

With a focus on flight safety, March is "Fly SMART" month. At Lajes, we concentrate on the 65th Air Base Wing's main weapon system: the runway.

We also keep people on temporary duty and leave status safe as they transit "The Rock." With those ground rules in place, let's look at how we can keep each other and our transient aircraft as safe as possible.

First, it's important to understand that the flightline is Lajes Field's bread and butter. Although this is a joint civilian/military Portuguese airfield, the U.S. forces stationed here are significant stakeholders in helping to safeguard the airfield from hazards.

Foreign-object elimination programs seek to reduce debris that can be brought, blown or dropped onto the flightline by vehicles, wind or moving aircraft. Debris is notorious for getting sucked into jet engine intakes and causing millions of dollars in damage. It also cancels flights. Debris can also get lodged between ailerons, elevators and rudders causing them to jam.

Coming back to vehicles, flightline drivers should be vigilant. They should inspect vehicles before entering or re-entering the paved surfaces of the airfield. In addition, drivers should stop and pick up debris they spot, a standard practice at every airfield around the world.

Flightline safety tips

While on the flightline ...

- Pick-up debris wherever it's found
- Look for holes in the airfield

Before entering a flightline ...

- Check the vehicle for debris
- Check tires, wheel wells and other areas that may have debris inside

When winds, lightning are close ...

- Leave stands when winds grow unsafe
- Stop maintenance and refueling when lightning is within five miles

For force protection ...

- Ensure all vehicles are where they are supposed to be on the flightline
- Check with the tower to confirm
- Assist contractors as necessary

With the same vigilance, drivers and any passengers should be looking for holes on the airfield surface or looking for any bird activity on or near the runway. In either case, reports should be made to the control tower staff immediately.

While debris presents challenges, so does wind and lightning. Flightline workers should know their technical orders. They should also leave stands and elevated surfaces when winds reach the manufacturer's limit. Flightline workers should also know that when lightning comes within five miles of the airfield all fueling and maintenance should cease.

Construction on the airfield can also present challenges for workers and those who may have never worked on an airfield.

There's always some sort of work happening on our flightline. Some of the workers may not be familiar with an airport environment. Our collective vigilance can help prevent a mishap.

To that end, help contractors adhere to prescribed routes for airfield entry and exit. Vehicle drivers should also maintain radio contact with the control tower if driving in a controlled-movement area.

Flightline workers should query contractor vehicle drivers when they have clearly wandered away from the bulk of their construction crew.

Anyone who sees a vehicle on the runway that did not request approval to be there should act. That means telling the control tower that something's not right. That's great situational awareness; not overreaction, and it's crucial for safe ground and flight operations involving big airliners and military aircraft.

By flying SMART, we can keep our main weapon system safe and fully operational.

Focus Notes

Fellowship

The singles fellowship is 5:30 p.m., Sunday, at T-1301A, Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke's home. Guests are asked to bring a side dish for the pot luck event. For more, call Senior Airman Beth Turner 2-3606 or Airman 1st Class Kara Boone 2-6268. This is a Combat Touch ministry.

Class deadlines

Registration deadline for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's undergraduate distance learning term is Monday. For more, call Tina Lake at 2-3375 for this Project Wizard-based event.

Reflective belts

Reflective belts must be worn by Airmen in uniform during hours of darkness, dawn, dusk and periods of low-visibility. This allows Lajes Airmen to remain safe as they carry out the tenants of Combat SMART.

Family readiness means mission readiness for USAFE's Combat Care

by Tech. Sgt. Claudette Hutchinson
USAFE News Service

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — "This is our town and we take care of our neighbors," said Mrs. Gretchen Shannon, RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center director, as she defines the focus of the Combat Care program initiative.

As one of 14 Combat and Special Interest Program initiatives implemented by Gen. Robert H "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, Combat Care was designed to enhance the support provided by military members and their families to help withstand the unique challenge of the military way of life.

"This program coordinates the care, attention and information flow to spouses of our deployed people and strengthens readiness and resiliency in families," said Tech. Sgt. Gayle Smith, FSC Personal and Family

Readiness, Combat Care non-commissioned officer in charge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, wife of deployed Master Sgt. Jimmy Knight, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said she thinks this is a great program. "I think it is especially good for people who are new to the base and the Air Force. This is the first time I've attended a spouses' deployment meeting after 23 years (associated with the Air Force), and it's a lot of good information. I think all wives (spouses) of deployed members need to attend," she said.

She also said she especially likes the Give Parents a Break program, which provides childcare services for parents and gives them a much-needed break.

"RAF Lakenheath is our town, and every individual plays a part in Combat Care, from the security forces personnel to a friendly neighbor, to each of the volunteer organizations who sponsor

the monthly deployed family member dinners," said Sergeant Smith.

The aim of the program is to create a greater sense of community by helping spouses and children cope with deployments and addressing the unique stressors involved to help families maintain cohesion.

According to Mrs. Shannon, this requires flexibility, thinking outside the box and doing whatever is necessary to meet needs.

"The Air Force has tremendous caring for its family, and this requires the assistance of all its base agencies, such as services, chapel, commanders and first sergeants," she said.

Sergeant Smith said, however, while the Air Force always had readiness programs, it was never really approached with a combined community effort the way General Foglesong has envisioned the Combat Care program.

SMART safety means being good pax

Courtesy of the
65th Air Base Wing
Safety Office

Airline passenger safety is another hot topic as Lajes continues to fly SMART this month. The more a passenger knows, the better your chances are for survival in the unlikely event of a mishap on your flight.

Studies show most accidents occur on takeoff and landing, and many accidents that occur during the approach and landing phase of flight are more survivable than people generally think. There are things you can do to help yourself and the cabin crew in the event of an incident, including:

- For commercial flights, arrive at the airport one hour early for intra-European flights. Arrive two hours early for international flights. AMC contract/military passenger flights will have more concrete show times.

- Don't pack prohibited items in your carry-on luggage. This will prevent delays, embarrassment, last-minute checking of a needed cabin bag, or worse, detention.

- Try to fly nonstop when possible.

- Choose to fly on the largest



aircraft available.

- Pay attention to the cabin safety briefing. You may have flown 10,000 times, but how many times on this model of aircraft? Also, set a good example for those around you. Stop talking, put away

your laptop and listen to the cabin attendant!

- Keep your lap belt fastened when in the seat. Unexpected turbulence, though rare, can toss you around like a rag doll. Move around to stretch or go to the lava-

tory only when the crew turns off the "fasten seatbelt" sign.

- Let the cabin attendant pour your hot drinks. In operational risk management talk, this is "transferring the risk." If you pour and screw up, you can burn your lap or hand. If the attendant is pouring, there's a better chance any spillage will go into the aisle.

- Don't drink alcohol. It's tempting to help calm nerves, but alcohol effects increase with higher altitudes. Commercial cabins are frequently pressurized at the equivalent of 8,000 feet; not sea level. If the plane makes an unscheduled landing, how are you going to exit the aircraft if the lights go out and smoke fills the air -- and you're tipsy? Worse, how are you going to get your child out?

There are always steps you can take to protect yourself or family members while flying. We must all take responsibility for our safe return and ensure the transient aircraft we service at Lajes receive the same consideration we would extend to ourselves and our loved ones: lives depend on it!

For more on flying safety, visit: http://www.airsafe.com/ten_tips.htm or <http://www.airsafe.com/issues/fear.htm>



1st Lt. Robert Reynado and Master Sgt. Patrick Fry, members of the USAFE Innkeeper team, inspect a newly renovated lodging room in building T-155, during the Innkeeper Evaluation Team inspection Tuesday. (Photo by Ted McGinley)

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Rickert made a call to all of services' customers to participate in the survey.

"The team may also interview community members, so we appreciate our customers letting us know how we're doing," Major Rickert said. "It's customer input that put us in a position to compete for this prestigious award."

With the Innkeeper team here, 65th SVS also gets the spotlight on lodging. Staff members feel good about their chances of winning.

"We feel confident about the Innkeeper evaluation," said Airman 1st Class Sarah Gossell, front-desk receptionist at the Mid-Atlantic Lodge. "We view this as an excellent opportunity to show the everyday hard work and dedication provided to all customers coming through our facility."

Lajes' Mid-Atlantic Lodge won the ACC Innkeeper Award in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and went on to win the 2001 Air Force Innkeeper Award.

The Innkeeper Award evaluates lodging services on management effectiveness, customer service and facility programs. The program also awards two individual Travelers Awards to a military or civilian lodging employee who shows the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, customer and job knowledge as determined by the evaluation team.

Overall, Major Rickert emphasized the

squadron had accomplished "quite a bit" in the past year, and stepped up to all challenges.

"Knowing people depend on us motivates us to go the extra mile," he said. "This level of success is amazing for a base with such a high turnover."

Some 2003 squadron accomplishments include support for the Atlantic Summit, supporting transiting and deployed service members and aircrew for Operation Iraqi Freedom, starting the first phase of a \$1.2 million plan to renovate the Tradewinds dining facility and a \$9 million project to renovate the Chace Fitness Center. The squadron also completed renovation of the Hillside Lanes. Services also sponsored and supported such events as "Extreme Summer Bash," Tops in Blue and Operation Seasons Greetings.

The squadron also established and ran the Customer College program. The program trains Lajes' customer service professionals on the finer points of delivering "exceptional customer service."

Should 65th SVS win the command competition, the squadron will go on to compete at Air Force level, according to Major Rickert.

"People have to step up and meet a lot of challenges here," Major Rickert said. "Being isolated, we know the Lajes' community is counting on us. Being in the running for this award tells me we're making a difference at Lajes."

SPECIAL REPORT

Zero tolerance still stands

Visiting team reinforces AF policy, looks to strengthen response to assaults

by 1st Lt Aaron Wiley
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An eight-person Sexual Assault Response Assessment team called on Lajes Tuesday in an evaluation of the existing procedures to respond to victims of sexual assault.

The team aims to identify strengths and weaknesses of base programs throughout the United States Air Forces in Europe, a priority pushed to the front of its agenda by the recent events at the Air Force Academy and Sheppard AFB, Texas, said Col. Audrey Wolff, SARA team leader.

"What we've found in our assessments are excellent procedures at each base set up to support the victim and provide a fair judicial system to the offender," Colonel Wolff said. "Our goal is to pinpoint the best programs and use them as a benchmark for each base, while recognizing the unique characteristics of individual USAFE bases."

The "bottom-line" she said, is assault, sexual or otherwise, is not tolerated and considered a criminal activity punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"We're here to ensure victims can come forward with the confidence they won't lose control of their lives," she said. "They'll have one person with access to the necessary resources to help them work through the trauma they've been through."

Base plans include the protection of military dependents, who, according to Colonel Wolff, should contact the clinic immediately if they've been assaulted, or the security forces. A chaplain, a commander or a



Lt. Col. Kevin Pilloud, 65th Medical Support Squadron commander and Col. Kurt Klingenberg, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, listen to Col. Audrey Wolff, SARA team leader during an introduction briefing Tuesday. Lt. Col. Katherine Callies, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, also listens. (Photo by Ted McGinley)

first sergeant, she said, are also people a victim can confide in for help.

The colonel sighted alcohol as a factor in certain assault cases in the U.S., of which underage drinking kept the victims from seeking help for fear of punishment.

"Most USAFE bases allow Airmen to drink at age 18," she said, "so that's one obstacle for younger victims that's absent in our command."

The focus here, she emphasized, is to develop an atmosphere that is committed to taking care of one another as fellow Airmen and warriors, where cohesion and trust are essential to the mission.

The team brings the expertise of

USAFE's finest, including members with experience in the roles of command, inspector general, office of special investigations, judge advocate, security forces, surgeon general, personnel and first sergeant.

Colonel Wolff expressed her confidence in the team she leads.

"Each team member offers a different perspective to the process of responding to sexual assaults," she said. "I'm surrounded by an incredible group of people who are dedicated to ensuring that the Air Force lives up to its commitment to integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do."

AROUND THE BLUE

Liftoff

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. -- A Delta II rocket carrying a Navstar Global Positioning System satellite lifts off March 20 from here. The rocket successfully delivered the payload into orbit where it will be used to support global operations. (Photo by Carleton Baillie)



'J' Herc in Ark.

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. -- The first C-130J Hercules assigned to an active-duty unit arrived here March 19.

"We are proud to call Little Rock Air Force Base and central Arkansas home -- home of the United States Air Force's first active-duty C-130J," said Col. Joseph Reheiser, 314th Airlift Wing commander. "We look forward to the challenge of training the world's finest C-130J aircrew members and maintainers for years to come."

The J model represents a quantum leap forward in transport airlift technology, bringing 40 percent greater performance over the current C-130, Colonel Reheiser said.

It can fly farther, faster, higher and longer while carrying more equipment or people. Onboard computer advances have allowed the removal of the flight engineer and the navigator, making the J model less expensive to operate in terms of man-hours. It can also carry heavier loads, more people and take off or land on shorter runways than the previous models were capable of.

"The J model looks like a C-130 and it sounds like a C-130, but in reality it is a totally new airplane," Colonel Reheiser said. (Air Force Print News)

Pet donkey, book

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Three children of an Airman

Program helps victims, witnesses

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Being a victim of, or witness to, a crime is trauma enough for a person to go through without having to face the ensuing legal quagmire alone, the Air Force's senior uniformed legal officer said.

The Air Force's Victim Witness Assistance Program, an offshoot of a federal statute, provides liaison assistance to help people through the gamut of legal processes that follow criminal action.

"No one asks to become a victim or a witness," said Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, judge advocate general. "It can be very scary to be involved because it's intimidating to have to tell your story to investigators and to a court-martial, and maybe even have it reported in the press.

"What's good about the the program is that our liaisons are there to help (people) through the process; someone who cares about them, who has access to the services they need and can shepherd them through so they understand what's going on," he said.

Although program assistance is available to the victims and witnesses of any crime, the general said many people think the program is geared specifically for

sexual-assault cases.

"The program is intended to assist victims or witnesses of just about any crime," General Fiscus said. "If a case is going to court-martial or it's being investigated by the Office of Special Investigations, then we are available to help locate whatever service (the victim or witness) can use."

Activation of the program is automatic. Victims and witnesses receive an information sheet from the first responder at the crime scene, usually a security forces Airman or an OSI agent. At base level, this commander's program is administered by the staff judge advocate's office.

The general said the program is proactive, but it needs fine-tuning.

"It's a good program for what it was intended to do," General Fiscus said. "The flaw in it is that, although numerous agencies provide (people) with services, the coordination among them has not been as good as we would like."

General Fiscus said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche has established a task force to examine how the Air Force can provide victims with services across the spectrum of their involvement in the system, even if they separate from the military.

MEO Spotlight



Sergeants Nilssen and Storey

What is military equal opportunity's mission?

Our mission is to improve mission effectiveness by assisting commanders at all levels in conducting programs for Equal Opportunity and Treatment, and Human Relations Education.

In layman's terms, what does MEO do?

Our office conducts complaint clarifications, mediations, human relations education and climate assessments. We are also a helping agency that provides referrals to people that need assistance with concerns that do not fall under the equal opportunity policies.

Who does MEO serve?

Our office provides assistance to military members, family members and retirees.

When should someone come to talk to you?

Anytime someone feels they have been unlawfully discriminated against or sexually harassed, they may come to talk to us. If their concern does not fall under the protected categories of sex (includes sub category sexual harassment), race, religion, color or national origin, we will refer them to either their chain of command or to another helping agency.

Is a meeting with MEO considered confidential, and why or why not?

No, we do not have confidentiality. If someone visits the MEO office, we will apprise the commander or first sergeant of the concerned party. This lets the chain of command know what concerns their unit members have and how they are seeking to resolve them.

Where is MEO located?

Bldg T-202

Who works in MEO & what is your contact information?

Tech. Sgt. Mary Lou Storey and Staff Sgt. Arnold Nilssen at 2-6111 or 2-6282.

here have completed a two-year project and published their story.

Myles, Scarlett and Preston Gallagher are the children of Chief Master Sgt. Richard Gallagher and his wife, Gwenyth. The youngster published a children's book, "The Adventures of 'Sweet Pea' the Donkey," about their pet donkey that was housed at the stables here.

Sweet Pea takes on human characteristics in the book and shares her different experiences with her friends -- horses -- at the Edwards' stables.

"This has been a project that the kids really wanted to see happen," said the mother of the authors. "I always encouraged them to write down the different story ideas they

came up with concerning Sweet Pea, but once those stories were put on paper the kids really were the driving force behind wanting to get the stories published into a book." (*Air Force Print News*)

Systems join

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department's top transportation and supply organizations have joined forces to fix a combat supply system that at times didn't perform well during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As U.S. and coalition forces raced toward Baghdad last year, some units reportedly experienced a shortage of "bullets and beans" -- an alarming state of affairs in the deadly serious busi-

ness of waging war.

The overseas logistics problems have been fixed, in part, through application of more integrated communications between supply procurers, transporters and customers, two senior military logisticians told journalists during a March 18 press conference at Defense Logistics Agency headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Transformation of the U.S. military's transportation and supply systems was well under way before Operation Iraqi Freedom, explained Army Maj. Gen. Robert T. Dail, director of operations at U.S. Transportation Command headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Dail, who was in Illinois, participated in the

joint DLA-TRANSCOM press briefing through video-conference technology. (*American Forces Press Service*)

GitMo abuses

WASHINGTON -- The military is going to prefer charges against six soldiers accused of abusing detainees at the Abu Gharib prison, coalition officials announced today in Baghdad.

Military spokesman Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt also said the anticipated spike in attacks against coalition targets expected at the March 19 anniversary of the start of military operations in Iraq did not occur. (*American Forces Press Service*)

Opportunity knocks

Don't pull down the shade on this window

Finance guru Tom Peters was right when he said, "If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade."

For those of us serving in the Air Force, the sun shines brightly through a very large window. It overlooks many different prospects for change, promotion and advancement. From education to recognition, the door to opportunity is always labeled 'push.'

I've been fortunate to see many opportunities over the course my own career. I finished my Community College of the Air Force degree. I branched out from my career field and held positions in the professional military education field, including commandant of an NCO Academy.

Those same opportunities are available to you without discrimination. How close are you to a CCAF associate's degree? You may be closer than you think — and spring graduation is just around the corner.

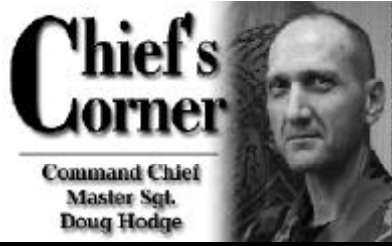
No one can deny the military is the best deal for getting a bachelor's degree. With 100 percent tuition assistance and classes that flex around your schedule, our education office and the schools offering advanced degree programs are ready to serve.

Meanwhile, training opportunities abound. Have you attended the First-Term Airman Center class? Got Airman Leadership School out of the way? When are you headed to the NCO Academy?

Sometime after you read this, look at the jobs available on the EQUAL Plus list for you. How many will you find? Special duty assignments as military training instructors, military training leaders, professional military education instructors, office of special investigation agents, recruiters and more await.

The Air Force needs more people to look at the big picture; looking for assignments that may not necessarily turn a wrench or march a patrol. Is that you? Or will you just be filling the squares you believe need filling?

Opportunities for promotion are also ripe for the picking. Our recent crop of senior master sergeant selectees knew this. Lajes beat the Air Force average for selectees by



Chief's Corner
Command Chief
Master Sgt.
Doug Hodge

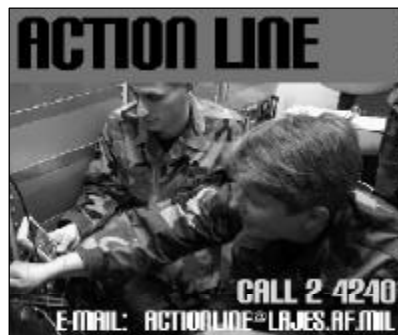
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nearly 4 percent. Who knows how many staff, technical and master sergeants the Air Force will select from Lajes by fall.

To round out your view out this window of opportunity, seek and engage the hundreds of volunteer openings across Lajes. Every day I see something new from a burger burn to a car wash. Awards dinners, celebrations, ceremonies and other events are always looking for people with energy, ability and a smile.

There's so much more. The education counselors, career adviser supervisors, first sergeants and others are your first stop to pushing the door open.

As we continue our mission providing support to the world's premiere air and space force, remember to leave the shade up on the window of opportunity that's open to you. As always I'm available to you in your decision making.



The Action Line is your means of addressing a problem, concern or challenge to me about something in the 65th Air Base Wing or U.S. Forces Azores.

However, your chain of command should always be your first option. When that's not the answer, then call the Action Line at 2-4240 and I'll address it quickly and with care. Thank you!

Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing commander

LOOK SHARP!

Eye and sunglasses

According to the Air Force dress and appearance regulation:

Eyeglasses and sunglasses will be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses.

Eyeglasses should appear conservative and have clear, slightly tinted or photosensitive lenses indoors or in formation.

Sunglasses should have conservative lenses and frames; faddish styles and mirrored lenses are prohibited. Frames should have no identifying brand marks. Sunglasses will not be worn in formation.

Neither sunglasses nor eyeglasses are allowed to be worn around the neck.



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An aerial view of the northeast coastline of Terceira. Visible is Lajes Field/Air Base 4, and the runway that serves both the base and Lajes International Airport. Farms can be seen at the north end and to the west of the runway, and on the east side of base. Directly to the south is the city of Praia. (Courtesy photo)

THE THIRD

Terceira known to Portuguese navigators as No. 3 to be discovered

The island of Terceira, or the Island of Jesus Christ, as it was known to the Portuguese navigators during the discoveries era was third to be discovered, hence its name which means "third."

With an elliptical shape, Terceira has an area of approximately 148 square miles and is the third largest Azorean island with a population of approximately 57,000 people.

History

The island, namely the port of Angra do Heroismo, played an important role in the 15th and 16th centuries as a port of call for sailing ships carrying the wealth of the Americas, Africa, and India. In fact, Vasco da Gama's brother was buried in Angra in the church that is located next to Angra Museum during their return from Vasco da Gama's first voyage to India.

With the fall of the Portuguese throne to Phillip II of Spain in 1580, the island became a center of resistance against Spanish rule. In fact, the first attempt by Spanish troops to invade the island resulted in their complete defeat when a group of Terceira natives led by a brave woman named Brianda Pereira and an Augustinian monk named Friar Pedro, inflicted an absolute defeat on the invaders in the famous battle of Salga Bay in 1581. With the restoration of Portugal's independence in 1640, the Spanish were expelled and life returned to normal.



The struggles between two political movements in the early 19th century, the Absolutists and the Liberals, led Terceira to once again

play an important role in Portugal's history. Terceira had supported the Liberal cause since 1820. After several struggles, the Absolutists were dominated and the island became the liberals' main base. On Aug. 11, 1829, the town of Praia heroically resisted an attack and attempted landing by an Absolutist fleet of 21 ships, defeating them. The event resulted in the town being granted the title of Vitoria (victory) in 1837.

The end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries were marked by a significant reduction of Terceira's role in the life of the Azores. However, the existence of an important air base, airport and the construction of a commercial port in Praia da Vitoria has since broadened the island's development perspectives.

The island's main towns are Angra do Heroismo and Praia da Vitoria with approximately 14,000 and 7,000 inhabitants respectively.

Angra do Heroismo

Angra do Heroismo, located at the base of Mount Brazil, features some old churches, a museum and monuments, the most notable of which is the fortress of São João Batista. This fortress is about 3.7 miles long and was built during the Spanish occupation. It was designed as both a bastion against pirates and a

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Mag solves 'what's on?' quiz

by 1st Lt. Aaron Wiley
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"What's on tonight," a common question of the American Forces Network viewer is now answered by two products at Lajes: a magazine and a website.

Public affairs replaced the local AFN television guide, that used to consume three pages of the Crossroads, in January with a commercial publication called "R&R TV." The magazine caters to the European-stationed American military member by providing a monthly AFN cable and satellite schedule alongside articles on European travel, automobiles, movie reviews, shopping and kitchen ideas.

"Lajes wasn't getting issues of 'R&R', a service available at other USAFE bases, because they didn't know we were out here," said Tech Sgt. Jason Tudor, NCOIC of public affairs. "The guide is a cost effective way to provide viewers with the same information while freeing up room for news in the base paper."

The monthly TV guide can be picked up in the base post office next to the Crossroads or the Commissary at the beginning of each month.

"Eight hundred issues are available; which should be enough for the AFN audience at Lajes," says 1st Lt. Yvonne Levardi, Chief of public af-

The base newspaper and "R&R" magazine are available at the post office each week at about 11:30 a.m.

fairs.

"R&R" magazine also offers an online TV guide at www.rrmagazine.com if the magazine version is not available.

For viewers unfamiliar with the guide, the schedule uses Central European Time, a two hour time difference from Azorean time. This means shows will air here two hours earlier than listed.

"One thing to note, however, is that we delay the Atlantic station, channel 37, by two hours as a courtesy to Lajes members so that primetime showings actually take place during primetime," said Senior Master Sgt. Jesse Hall, Chief of Detachment 6, Air Force News Agency. "That way people aren't missing their favorite shows while they're trying to get home from work."

A second alternative to the "R&R" service is the online TV guide at www.myafn.net. Users can enter their local time, the date and the viewing format that best suits them, to get a listing of programs. The online guide does not account for the time delay on channel 37. Users must factor this in for themselves.

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means for the Spanish to defend themselves from the island's population, who had never accepted the Spanish domination.

The most important sites the city has to offer are the Palace of the Captains Generals, the main cathedral, town hall, the garden, the museum, Mount Brazil and the fortress that surrounds it.

The city is currently the headquarters for the Regional Government Offices' of Education and Social Affairs, the Office of the Minister of the Republic for the Azores, and one of the University of the Azores's departments and the Episcopal church.

The reconstruction of the city following a 1980 earthquake observed all the rules in place in order to preserve the style of the damaged buildings and monuments. This led the United Nations's organization "UNESCO" to classify the city as a World Heritage Site in 1983.

Praia da Vitoria

Praia da Vitoria, located about three miles from the base, was the seat of the island's government in the early settlement period (1456-1474) and became a town in 1640. It too was partially destroyed by an earthquake in 1841. Its economic importance and growth during the past few decades justified it being raised to city status

on June 20, 1981. Praia also features the only sandy strip on the island. Other sites of interest in Praia include the Matriz Church, Town Hall, the Praia overlook (where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the city) and the Fort of Santa Catarina on the other side of the bay, next to the commercial port.

Terceira has several other villages whose beauty and tourist attractions make them worth a closer look. They include Biscoitos (where the wine museum is located), Porto Martins, Porto Judeu, Serreta, São Sebastião and São Mateus. Visitors will also enjoy the luxuriant island-wide landscape as well as two caves (Furna d'Água and Algar do Carvão, featuring stalagmites and stalactites) and the sulfur pits at the center of the island.

For those who enjoy spending the weekend outdoors I suggest you try the campgrounds next to Salga bay, which is similar to the American KOAs. For an afternoon out, try the Duck Lake in the middle of the island, Serreta Park, top of Mount Brazil or Salgueiros near Porto Martins. All of these are calm and pleasant places that provide relaxing and enjoyable moments.

Culture

As for cultural events, Terceira probably has more summer festivals and cultural activities than any of the other Azorean islands. Following Easter Sunday, the

island's streets come to life with revelers celebrating the Holy Ghost festivals, an old religious tradition brought to the Azores by the first settlers around 1432. The first of May brings one of the most popular events on the island: the street bullfighting. This tradition goes back to the 16th century and came to the island by the hands of the Portuguese noblemen although, likely influenced by the Spanish here at the time, as well.

Then in June is time for the island's largest festival called "Sanjoaninas." This nine-day festival sponsored by Angra City Hall takes place during the last two weeks of the month and features parades, musical concerts, displays, sports activities, street and arena bullfights as well as other cultural events. The City of Praia also sponsors a similar event every year during the first week and a half of August.

Cuisine

Alcatra, grilled or boiled fish, Holy Ghost and vegetable soup, sweet bread and the beef stew are just some of the island's gastronomical delights that you don't want to miss before you leave the island.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all members of the American community at Lajes Field to get out of the base and experience the island's beauty and culture. Although this island is very small, it still has a lot to offer the visitors and residents in terms of history, culture and gastronomy.



Movies showing at the base theater.

Today: "The Big Bounce," 7 p.m., PG-13, 88 minutes. Owen Wilson and Morgan Freeman. Jack, a likeable drifter whose talents lie just outside the law, heads for Hawaii hoping the scenery will bring him luck. On the exotic North Shore of Oahu, he soon discovers that whether he's looking for a new con or a little romance, temptation is everywhere. Rated PG-13 for sexual content and nudity, violence and language. **"The Perfect Score,"** 10 p.m., PG-13, 93 minutes. Erika Christensen and Chris Evans. Six high school students desperate to get into top-notch colleges develop a plan to break into the Princeton Testing Center to steal the answers for the S.A.T. in order to prevent the test from unfairly defining who they'll become. Each has his or her own set of circumstances that leads to the conclusion that the only way to truly decide one's own fate is to beat the system. Rated PG-13 for language, sexual content and some drug references.

Saturday: "Calendar Girls," 7 p.m., PG-13, 108 minutes. Julie Walters and Helen Mirren. Chris and Annie are best of friends living in a small village in the Yorkshire Dales. Chris enlists the support of her fellow Women's Club members in a fund-raising initiative for the local hospital. Her seemingly traditional idea to produce a calendar has a radical twist – the women will be in the nude. Before they know it, the women are hitting the headlines at home and abroad. Amidst the hype and glamour, the friendship between Chris and Annie is put to the test. Rated PG-13 for nudity, some language and drug-related material.

Sunday: "The Big Bounce," 2 p.m., **"The Perfect Score,"** 7 p.m.

Tuesday: "Calendar Girls," 7 p.m.

Wednesday: "The Big Bounce," 7 p.m.

Thursday: "The Perfect Score," 7 p.m.

5K



About 40 men, women and children participated in the 5K walkathon March 17 at the Chase Fitness Center to celebrate Women's History Observance Month. A luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Top of the Rock ballroom. For more, call Tech. Sgt. Cristina Dixon at 2-3415.

(Photo by Guido Melo)

Bowling



Senior Master Sgt. Ray Hankins, 65th Security Forces Squadron, shows off his form at the 65th Mission Support Group booster club's 9-pin/no-tap bowling fundraiser Friday. About 80 people base-wide participated in the event, and the booster club raised \$484. *(Photo by 1st Lt. Yvonne Levardi)*

Intramural standings

Team	W	L
Darts:		
AMS	14	2
COMM 1	12	4
COMM 3	11	5
LRS	10	6
CES	8	8
OSS	7	9
COMM 2	7	9
MDSS/MDOS	2	14
SFS	1	15

Racquetball:		
OSS	10	1
Praia	9	2
CES	7	3
MDSS/MDOS	5	5
JAMS	5	6
CONS	4	7
AMS	3	7
CS	3	8
LRS	2	9

Ping Pong:		
LRS	3	0
OSS	2	1
JAMS	1	2
CES	0	3

Ping Pong tournament standings:		
LRS	1	0
OSS	1	0
JAMS	0	1
CES	0	1



Hoop Dreams

Lajes kids hit the hardwood



Clockwise from left: Victoria Kleffner wrestles with Emilio Lugo to get the ball; Zane Najdawi runs the floor as Donavyn Johnson chases him; and Patrick Harris (right) talks to his players during the game March 18. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Rafael Pena-Perez and Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

Sports briefs

Waterboys

The sports-radio talk show "The Waterboys" airs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, on Island 96, 96.1 FM. The call-in show features discussion of college, professional and intramural sports. It is hosted by Staff Sgt. Joshua Gray, Airman 1st Class Peter Saad, Airman 1st Class Ryan Spear, Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor, and Senior Airman Steven Wright.

5K Run

April 3, at 9 a.m. in front of the Chase Fitness Center. An entry fee of \$10 supports the Lajes high school booster club fund travel for their athletic teams. For more, call TSgt Tommy Price at 2-1393 or MSgt John Tway at 2-3497.

Youth baseball

Registrations for the youth baseball program are at the Lajes youth center. The season runs from April-June 2004. Ages 5-18 may participate. Coaches and officials are needed for this program. For more, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

Paintball

It's 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$20 a person. Includes transportation and equipment. Eight-25 participants, ages 16 and older. To sign up, visit or call outdoor recreation by Wednesday. For more, call 2-4140.

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports

PGA Tour: The Players Championship – Second round, 4 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

Men's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Sweet Sixteen, 11 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Men's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Sweet Sixteen, 11 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Sports

NBA: New Jersey Nets vs. Boston Celtics, midnight
Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Los Angeles Lakers, 2 a.m.
Friday Night Fights: Welterweights – Oscar Diaz vs. Demarcus Corley, 7 a.m.
NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Los Angeles Lakers, 11 a.m.
NHL: Teams TBD, 5:30 p.m.
Women's college

basketball: NCAA Championship – Sweet 16, 9 p.m.
NASCAR Busch Series: Sharpie Professional 250, 11 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

Men's college basketball – Division II Championship, 5 p.m.
NCAA Championship – Elite 8, 8:30 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Men's college basketball – NCAA Championship – Elite 8, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

Women's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Sweet 16, 4 a.m.
PGA Tour: The Players Championship – Third round, 8 a.m.
Motorcycle Racing: THQ World Supercross GP (125CC) Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
THQ World Supercross GP (250CC) Indianapolis, 2 p.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Food City 500, 6

p.m.

NBA: Philadelphia 76ers @ Boston Celtics, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

NHL: Teams TBD, 11 a.m.
Men's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Elite 8, 7:30 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Women's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Sweet 16, 5 p.m.
Men's college basketball: NCAA Championship – Elite 8, 7:30 p.m.

PLANNER

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Today

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-1 a.m.
Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; CWOC Mass (1st Friday of the month) 5:30 p.m.; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mexican Baked Chicken, Swiss Steak, and Stuffed Green Pepper; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Lasagna, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Italian Sausage. Midnight meal, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight.
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: Lasagna, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
School Lunch: All beef hot dogs, rice pilaf, baked beans, coleslaw, chilled peaches, milk.
Skating Rink/Skate Park: Alternating weekends. Open 7-11 p.m.
Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Teen Center: Teen social, 9 p.m.-midnight.
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., seafood buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., Prime and Wine.

Saturday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-1 a.m.
Chapel: Mass, 10 a.m.; Gospel Children's Choir Practice, 2 p.m.
Child Development Center: Closed
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Crispy Baked Chicken, Cajun Meat Loaf, and Steak, Ribeye; Supper 4 - 7 p.m., Fish Almondine, Stir Fry Chicken w/ Broccoli, Pork Chops w/ Mushroom Gravy. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11 a.m.-

11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Skating Rink/Skate Park: Alternating weekends. Open 7-11 p.m.
Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Teen Center: Teen social 8 p.m.-midnight.
Top of the Rock Club: Brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon. Huff and Fin dinner special 5-9 p.m.

Sunday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoppette: Open noon-8 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Closed
Bowling Alley: 4-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chapel: Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Catholic religious education, 9 a.m.; Confessions, 9:45 a.m.; Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Religious Education, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & Fellowship, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Rosary and Adoration, 5:40 p.m.; PYOC/PTOC, 6:15 p.m.
Child Development Center: Closed
Community Activities Center: Open noon-5 p.m.
Commissary: Closed
Dining Hall: Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuna and Noodles, Sauerbraten, Chicken Breast Parmesan; Supper 4 - 7 p.m., Ginger BBQ Chicken, Fried Shrimp, Spinach Lasagna; Short Order: Cheese Pizza and Reuben Sandwich.
Dry Cleaners: Closed
Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Gas Station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Gas only)
Library: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Skating Rink: Closed
Skills Development Center: Closed
Top of the Rock Club: Bits & Bites menu, 4 p.m.

Monday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Closed
Bowling Alley: Closed
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; Women's Bible study, 7 p.m.
Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Activities Center: Closed
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Swiss Steak, Baked Chicken, Italian Sausage; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Roast Turkey, Baked Ham,

and Fish and Fries. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Gas only)
Library: Open 4-9 p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: Roasted Chicken or Meatball sandwich, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Closed
School Lunch: Gourmet fish sticks, curly fries, coleslaw, orange quarters, tarter sauce, milk.
Skills Development Center: Closed
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Southern buffet.

Tuesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 4-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Lunch Brown Bag Series, noon; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; AWANA (3 yrs to 6 grade) 6 p.m.; Catholic Women of the Chapel (3rd Tuesday of the month), 7 p.m.
Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Onion-Lemon Baked Fish, Pork Schnitzel, and Yakisoba; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m. Paprika Beef, BBQ Beef Cubes, Chicken Fajitas. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: 16" pizza with 2 toppings and drinks; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
School Lunch: Cheese Pizza, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, chilled peaches, Rice Krispie bar, milk.
Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mexican buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; PWOC bible study, 9 a.m.; PWOC lunch/study, noon;

Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; Catholic men of the chapel (2nd Wednesday of the month), 6p.m.; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice, 7p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.
Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Beef Porcupines, and Chicken Enchiladas; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Pita Pizzas, Country Style Steak, and Fried Chicken. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: Fried shrimp, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
School Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce and tomato, seasoned potato wedge, seasoned peas, fresh fruit, milk
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Italian Buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m. Family Buffet

Thursday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bowling Alley: 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chapel: Meditation and Prayer, 6:30 a.m.; Mass 7 a.m.; Adoration and Rosary, 3 p.m.; RCIA, 7 p.m.; Gospel Praise Team practice and Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.
Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Orange-Spiced Pork Chops, Liver with Onions, and Tempura Fried Fish; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Mr. Z's Baked Chicken, Pepper Steak, and Pasta Primavera. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight
Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Library: Open 10 a.m.-9p.m.
Oceanview Island Grill: 16" Pizza w/ 1 topping or Taco salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
School Lunch: Soft shell beef taco, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, chilled fruit mixed, cookie, milk.
Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.
Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oriental buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., 2-4-1 Steak Night

EVENTS

The deadline for announcements on this page is 5 p.m., Monday for each week's paper. Submit announcements in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an email to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Closures/Shifts

Legal office: Will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday for an office function. Closes at 4 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for unit physical fitness training. For emergencies, call the command post at 2-4200.

Pass and Registration: Open 9 a.m.-noon every Friday in the Customer Service office, Bldg. T-112. Hours remain 8 a.m.-noon, Tuesday-Thursday and closed Mondays. Medical Group: The 65th MDG will close at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, for a recognition ceremony. For questions, call Senior Master Sgt. David Montano at 2-2265.

Education

UMUC happenings: The University of Maryland's term four registrations end today. On-site schedules are now available at the UMUC office. For more, call Melinda Casey at 2-4187.

Online courses: Thursday is the deadline to enroll for online graduate courses for the University of Oklahoma's summer term. For more, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

Human relations: Enroll by April 8 for 'Current Problems in Human Relations,' a core course in the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree. The course will be taught May 11-16. For more, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

Embry-Riddle: Registration for Aviation Law ends April 13. The course will be taught onsite April 19-25. For more, call 2-3375.

Distance Learning: Embry-Riddle's next undergraduate distance learning term begins April 15. The deadline to register is Monday. For more, call 2-3375.

Classes

123 Magic: 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the family support center. For more, call 2-4138.

Quilting class: Square Inside Square, 2-6 p.m., Saturday, at the community activity center. Cost is \$40. To register, call 2-3909 or 2-5255.

Painting class: Free beginning watercolor painting class, 6-8 p.m., April 7, at the family support center. All supplies are provided. Space is limited. To sign up, call 2-4138.

Personal prayer: Seven week course in personal prayer, noon, Tuesdays, at the base chapel. For more, call Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

Federal jobs: Ten Steps to A Federal Job class, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., April 12, at the family support center.

ter. The first 15 to sign up receive a free resume guide valued at \$45. For more, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.

Lifeguard class: Outdoor Recreation and the American Red Cross offer a lifeguard training course, April 16-30. Cost is \$30, for ages 15 and up. Registration deadline is April 13. For more, call 2-4140 or 2-4247.

Events

Womens' History: A Womens' History luncheon is at 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Top of the Rock ballroom. Everyone is invited. To sign up, see a First Sergeant or call Tech Sgt. Cristina Dixon at 2-3415 by close of business today.

Movie night: Free movie night sponsored by the Elementary School Student Council, 6 p.m., today, in the multi-purpose room at the elementary school. Popcorn and soda will be sold. For more, call Ronna Poston at 2-3491.

Lent events: Mass/Stations of the Cross/Meager Meal, 5 p.m., Fridays during Lent, at the base chapel. For more, call Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

Bike registration: 65th Security Forces bicycle registration is 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, at the Security Forces vehicle at the roundabout adjacent to Bldg. T-1541 in the Beira Mar base housing complex. For more, call SSgt Daniel Magas at 2-3512.

Car Wash: Enlisted Spouses Club car wash and bake sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, in the Commissary parking lot. Proceeds benefit scholarships for graduating seniors and other local charities. For more, call Linette Hollandsworth at 2-6110.

Old school: 80's and 90's music, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., on the last Saturday of each month, at the Top of the Rock ballroom with DJ Brett Jamez. For more, call Kara Warren at 2-3202.

Orphanage trip: The Officers' Spouses Club will visit Livramento, in Angra, 2-5 p.m., Saturday. To carpool, meet in the Commissary parking lot at 1 p.m. Open to the entire Lajes community. For more, call Dacia Francis at 295-543-332.

Singles barbeque: 6 p.m., Sunday, at Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke's house. For more, call Chaplain (Capt.) Franke at 2-4211.

Spring Bazaar: The Enlisted Spouses Club needs vendors and volunteers to help with the Spring Bazaar on April 3, at the Lajes youth center. To sign up, call Dana Reil at 295-549-597 or Mary Willis at 295-549-605.

LYP lock-in: Lajes youth program lock-in from 9 p.m.-9 a.m., April 3, at the youth center. Room for 10-40 youth, ages 13 and up.

Cost is \$15. Registration deadline is Wednesday. Dinner, snacks, breakfast, bowling at the bowling alley and party games. For more, call Melvin Moore at 2-3273.

Talent contest: USAF Youth Talent Contest, 7 p.m., April 9, for ages 6-18. Registration deadline is April 5. Singers, actors, dancers, magicians, comedians, musicians, and specialty acts are all welcome. For more, call Melvin Moore at 2-3273.

Book signing: Coffee/Dessert with Dr. Dorothy Patent, author of children's science books, 6 p.m., April 15, in the multi-purpose room of the elementary school. The entire community is invited to her evening presentation. For more, call Ronna Poston at 2-3491.

Talent show: Elementary school talent show, 6-8:30, April 23, at the community activity center ballroom. First-3rd place prizes for Grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. For more, call Ronna Poston at 2-3491.

Volunteers/Jobs

Red Cross: American Red Cross Volunteers can complete the Volunteer Satisfaction Survey, to help improve future volunteer opportunities, at the Red cross office or by calling 2-3516 or 295-57-3516.

Part-time contractor: Instructor needed to provide financial and computer classes at the family support center. For more, call John Cox 2-4138.

WICO position: Women Infants and Children Overseas needs someone with a degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing or Home Economics and experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition. For more, call Nora Blohm at 2-1440 or 295 549 465.

Services positions: Recreation aids at the skating rink and youth center, a club operations assistant and an office automation clerk at the veterinary clinic are needed. Applications available at the Non-appropriated Funds Human Resources Office, Bldg. T-112. For more, call 2-5200.

Family readiness: Volunteer assistant needed to help maintain a program dedicated to families of deployed troops. Requires a six-month minimum commitment. Free childcare is available. For more, call 2-4138.

Part-time position: Thrift shop bookkeeper needed. Must be an Enlisted Spouse Club or Officers Spouse Club member. Applications available at the Thrift Shop, Bldg. T-400. For more, call 2-6371 or 2-3567.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers needed at family services for postal collection, data input, advertising, etc. Free childcare is available. For more, call 2-4146 or 2-4138.

Charities committee: "Chapel Charities", open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, in Bldg. T-426, needs donations for local orphanages and nursing homes. To volunteer for the committee and base chapel, call Tech. Sgt. Silvia DeJesus at 295-549-430 or 2-1304, or call 2-4211.

Skating rink: Volunteers needed to distribute skates, sell snack bar items, work the DJ booth, etc. For more, call Sheryl Bush at 2-5216 or 2-6143.

P.O. volunteers: The post office needs volunteers to assist with sorting mail, distributing packages and customer service. Visit the post office for more, or call 2-3625.

CAC attendants: Community activity center volunteers needed to work at the front counter, to assist customers and provide administrative support. Weekend and evening hours are available. For more, call Sheryl Bush at 2-5216.

Miscellaneous

Lost/Found: Unclaimed items in the Skating Rink's lost and found will be donated to the Thrift Store, Thursday. To pick up lost items, go by from 7-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more, call Pam Darling at 2-6202.

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Monday.

For Sale: 1988 Isuzu Pick-up Truck. 5-speed manual transmission. New tires. Personally maintained by Duarte Fagundes. \$1,900 OBO. Available April 18. Call Kathy Schavren at 295-908-965.

For Sale: Trium 110 Cellphone with owner's manual in English and paid calls until July \$80 OBO. Available April 16. Call Kathy Schavren at 295-908-965.

For sale: gorgeous ring, size 5, princess cut, 1 kt in full, 1/2 kt solitaire with channel set diamonds in platinum band. Must see, serious inquiries only. Asking \$2000, OBO. Call Staff Sgt. Aaron Logsdon at 295-549-521.

Maternity clothes and other assorted items for sale. Extremely reasonable prices. Call Sonya Logsdon at 295-549-521.

For Sale: 2000 Harley Davidson Deuce, 3500 miles, Black/Red 2-tone. Lots of extras, \$17,500. Call 295-549-657.

For Sale: Whirlpool 40 Pint Dehumidifier, adjustable Humidistat, easy to empty bucket, 2-speed fan. Like new, \$125. Call 295-549-540.

For Sale: Graco CitiLite Aluminum Stroller. Black with royal blue trim, extra light and only used for 5 weeks. Excellent condition, \$45. Baby Trend Expedition LX Jogging Stroller, Black with gray. Excellent condition, \$80. Call 295-549-746.

For Sale: Graco Toddler Bed in white with Baby Sealy mattress. \$35 for both.

Infant Safety Gates: Evenflo Easy Swing for \$15. Evenflo Soft and Wide Gate for \$15. Call 295-549-746.